Photochemical Modeling of Atmospheric Ozone

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Proposed Activities:

- 1. Polar Ozone:
 - 1.1 Validation of SAGE III Estimates of Chemical Ozone Loss
 - 1.2 Testing Consistency Between Measured and Modeled Chemical Ozone Loss Rates
- 2. Mid-Latitude Ozone:
 - 2.1 Validation and Analysis of SAGE III NO₂ and NO₃
 - 2.2 Testing the Bromine Budget of the Lowermost Stratosphere
 - 2.3 Inferring HO₂ from Measurements of NO₂, HO₂NO₂, and H₂O₂

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1.1 Validation of SAGE III Estimates of Chemical Ozone Loss

Three "primary" methods for estimating chemical loss of *ozone column*:

- a) Tracer-tracer correlations
- b) "Match"
- c) vortex average descent

Good agreement for SOLVE/THESEO 2000 Arctic winter among the three techniques:

Tracer-Tracer: Salawitch et al., JGR, 2002

Match: Rex et al., JGR, 2002

Vortex Average Descent: Hoppel et al., JGR, 2002

See Table 3-2, "Polar Ozone" chapter, WMO 2002

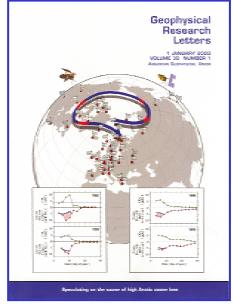
Proposed Activities:

- Ozone loss using tracer-tracer correlations (MkIV, Geophysica, ILAS II) & Match for SOLVE-2/EUPLEX Arctic winter & future Arctic winters → well underway!
- Ozone loss comparisons for first "Match" Antarctic campaign in 2003
- Ozone loss for future winters using tracer-tracer correlations from ILAS II, ACE, and future aircraft campaigns

1.2 Testing Consistency Between Measured and Modeled Chemical Ozone Loss Rates

1. Models can not account for full extent of measured chemical loss, particularly for cold Arctic Januaries

Rex, Salawitch, Santee, Waters, Hoppel, & Bevilacqua, "On the unexplained stratospheric ozone losses during cold Arctic Januaries", *GRL*, 1 Jan 2003.



2. Revised ClO and ClOOCl from SOLVE campaign is prompting a rexamination of key kinetic parameters:

Salawitch, Stimpfle, Wilmouth, Anderson, & Canty, "ER-2 Measurements of ClO and ClOOCl: Implications for Theory and Observation of Ozone Loss", EGS/AGU, April 2003.

Proposed Activities:

- Use of SAGE III OCIO to constrain BrOx, ClOx, and kinetic parameters \rightarrow details to soon follow!
- Examination of SAGE III *measured* loss rates during periods of solar illumination at consistently high SZA (e.g., Arctic January, Antarctic August) versus *modeled* loss rates

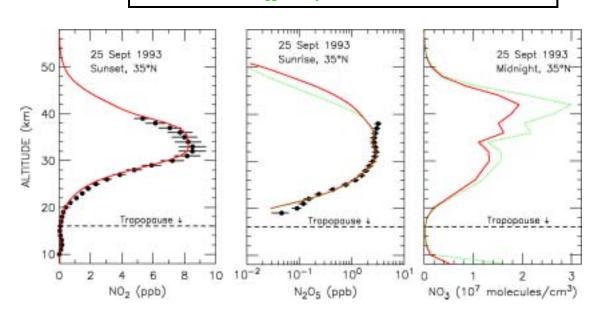
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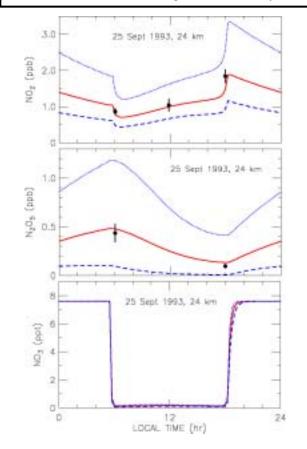
GREEN DOTTED : Changes to $\rm N_2O_5$ thermal decomposition and $k_{\rm NO2+O3}$ suggested by Aliwell & Jones, GRL, 23, 2589, 1996



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BLUE DOTTED: 30 × Background Aerosol Loading

BLUE DASHED: No Heterogeneous Chemistry



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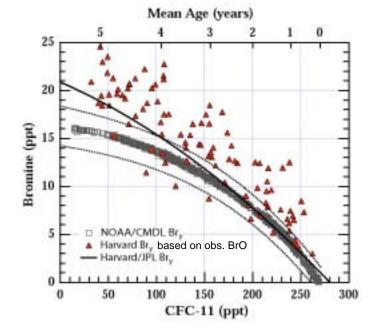
- Photochemical model simulations in support of validation of SAGE III NO₂ and NO₃
- Examination of SAGE III NO₂, H₂O, and extinctions for evidence of heterogeneous sinks of NOx on cold aerosol and sub-visible cirrus (e.g., Keim et al., *GRL*, 23, 3223, 1996) as well as volcanic aerosol in the event of a major eruption
 - → lunar data (extends into tropics) & sunrise SH solar data (mid-latitudes)
- Examination of NO₂ profiles from ACE, ILAS II, and SCHIAMACHY for heterogeneous sinks in the lowermost stratosphere

2.2 Testing the Bromine Budget of the Lowermost Stratosphere

1. Motivation

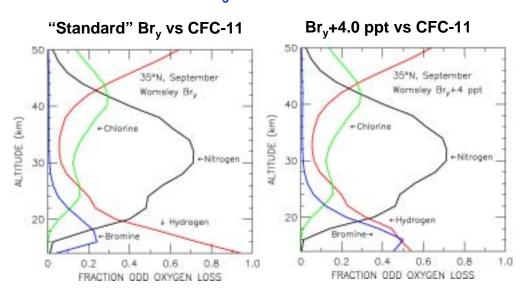
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~4 pptv must be added to "standard" Br_y vs CFC-11 relation to match observed BrO in the LMS



Wamsley et al., JGR, 103, 1513, 1998

This change to the Br_y vs CFC-11 relation dramatically alters the cycles that control O₃ in the LMS



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2. Proposed Activities:

- Analysis of bromine budget in the LMS using profile and column data from GOMOS and SCHIAMACHY
- Data from aircraft, DOAS, and MLS also important
- Relate findings to observed ozone trends in the lowermost stratosphere

Please see Chapter 2, WMO/UNEP 2002 (Ko & Poulet *et al.*), available on-line at: http://www.wmo.ch/web/arep/reports

for an excellent discussion of the scientific issues involving the fate of VSL brominated compounds.

2.3 Inferring HO₂ from Measurements of NO₂, HO₂NO₂, and H₂O₂

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- HO₂ plays a key role in the photchemisty of the lower stratosphere (LS) and the upper troposphere
- Global observations of HO₂ in the LS and UT have never been obtained

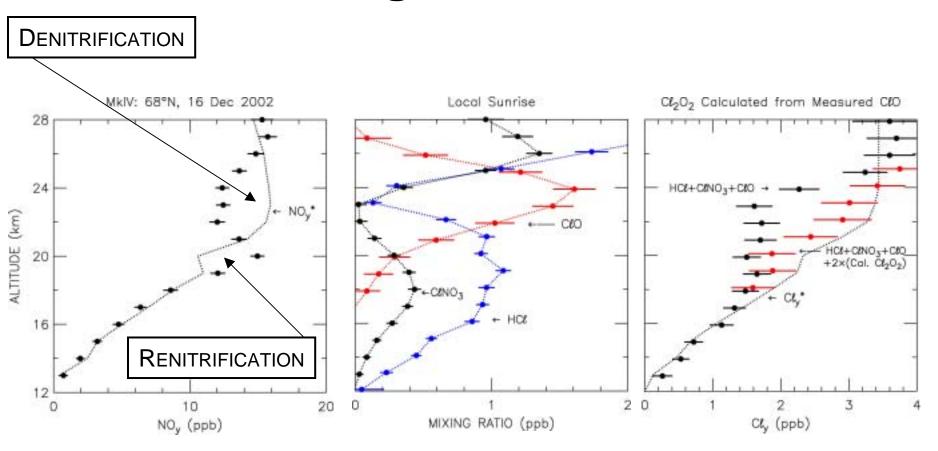
2. Recent Advances

- Demonstration of quantitative consistency between models and measured H_2O_2 (MkIV and FIRS 2) based on a new lab rate for $HO_2 + HO_2 \rightarrow H_2O_2 + O_2$ (Christensen *et al.*, GRL, 2001GL014525, 2002)
- Demonstration of quantitative consistency between modeled and measured HO₂NO₂ (MkIV), HO₂ (ER2), and NO₂ (ER2) based inclusion of near IR photolysis of HO₂NO₂ in the model (Salawitch *et al.*, GRL, 2002GL015006, 2003)

3. Proposed Activities:

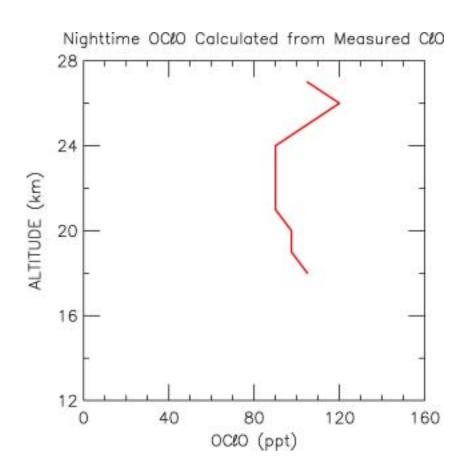
- Exploratory investigation of "reconstruction" of global fields of HO₂ from solar occultation measurements of NO₂, HO₂NO₂, and H₂O₂ (MIPAS and ACE)
- Evaluation of the validity of "reconstructed HO₂" based on comparison to aircraft data

MkIV Flight, 16 Dec 2002

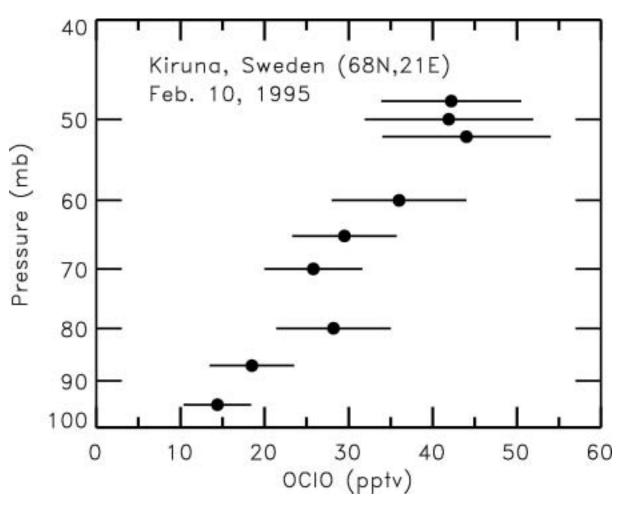


- Vortex became very cold, quite early
- Denitrification & elevated CIO observed mid-December 2002

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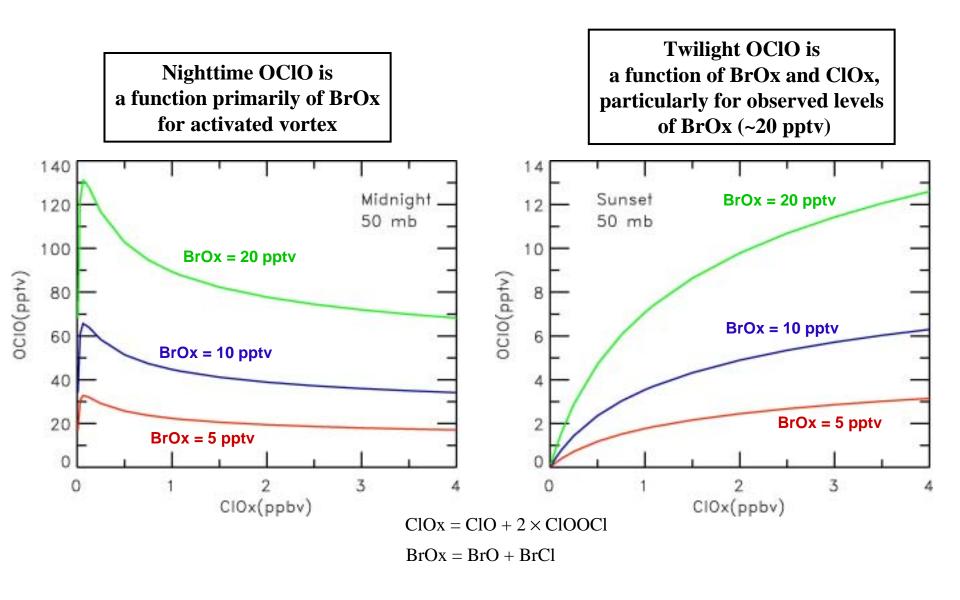


Nighttime OCIO Measurement

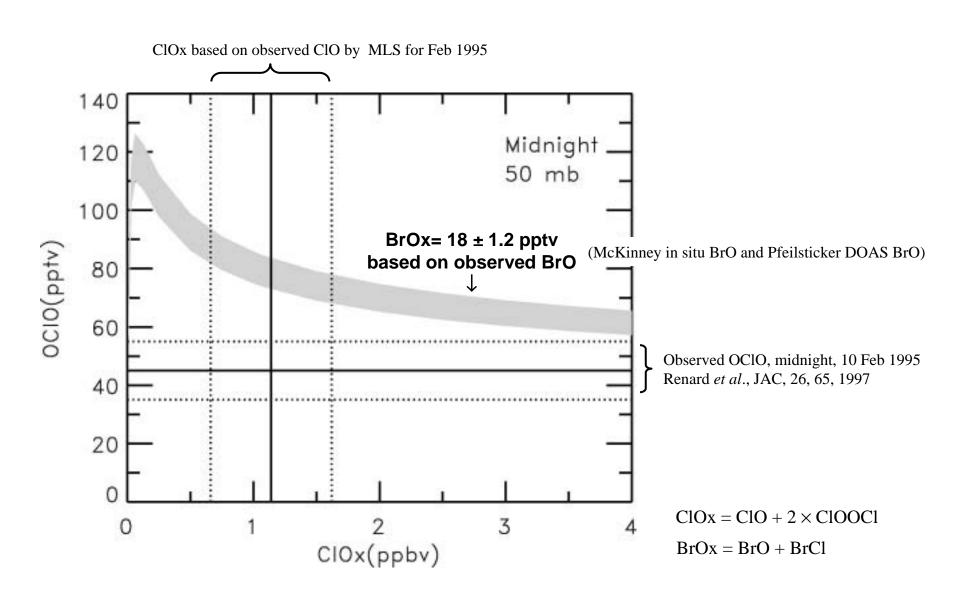


Renard et al., JAC, 26, 65, 1997.

Nighttime & Twilight OCIO



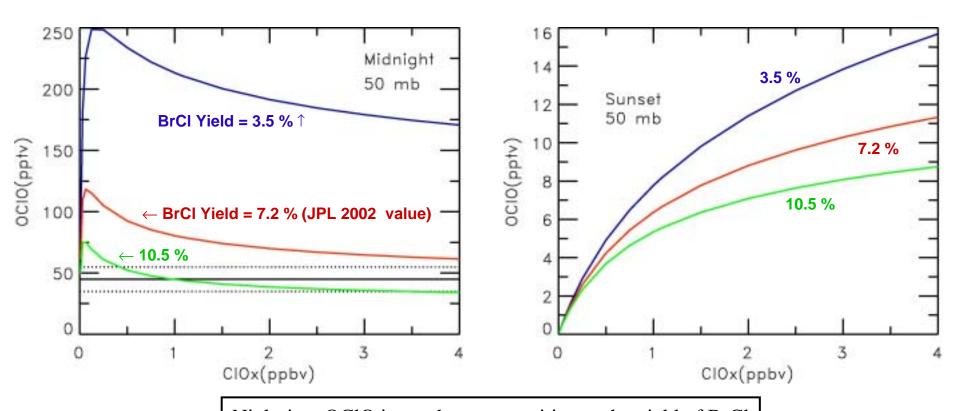
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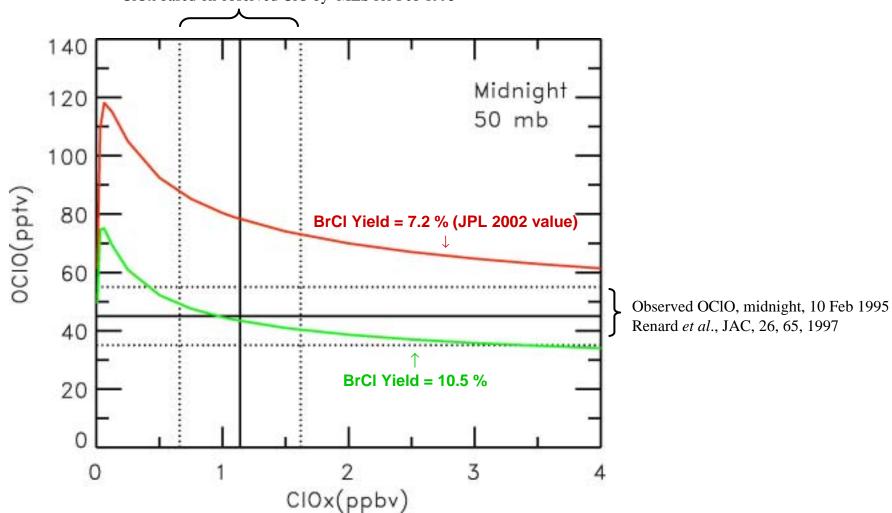


Nighttime OClO is much more sensitive to the yield of BrCl from the BrO + ClO reaction than is twilight OClO

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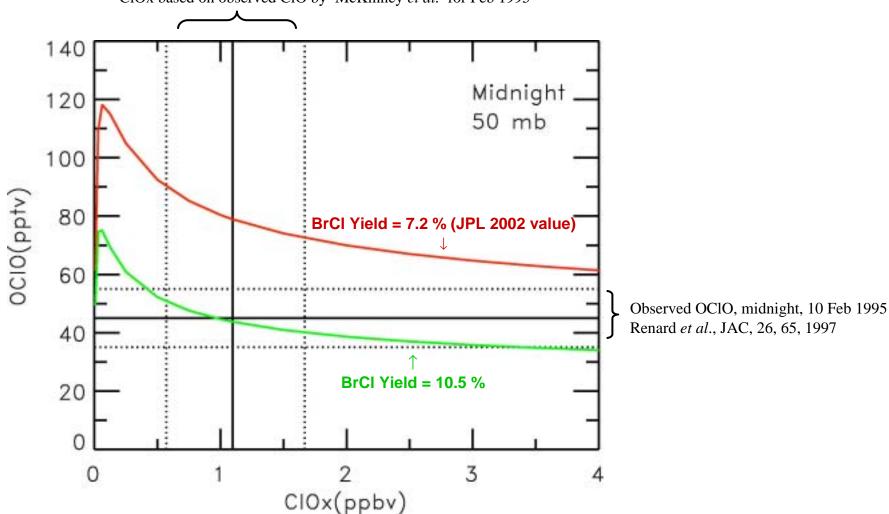
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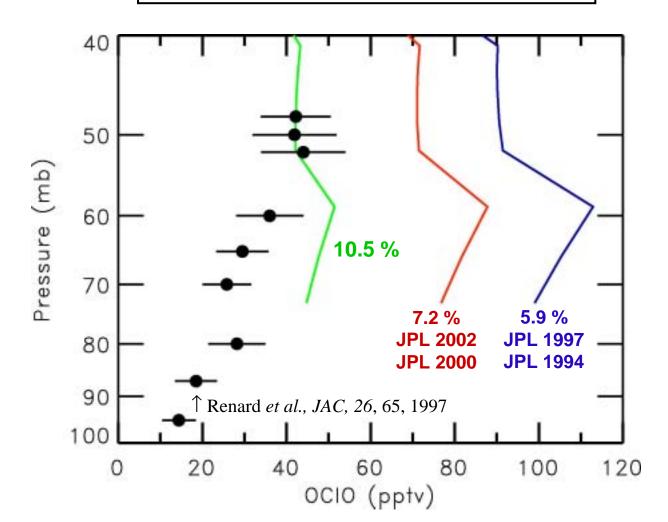
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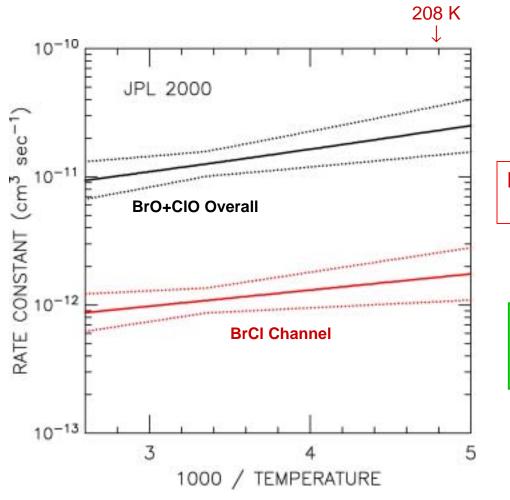
Nighttime OCIO Measured and Modeled

Model constrained by measured profiles of ClO & BrO in Arctic vortex for Feb 1995 (McKinney *et al.*, *GRL*, 24, 853, 1997)



Is a 10% yield of BrCl realistic?

Yes, if uncertainties are considered:



BrCl Yield = 7.2 ± 3.0 % (T=208 K)

Note:

Lab studies conducted to 220 K; values at lower T based on extrapolation.

Final Comments

Nighttime OCIO of great interest for:

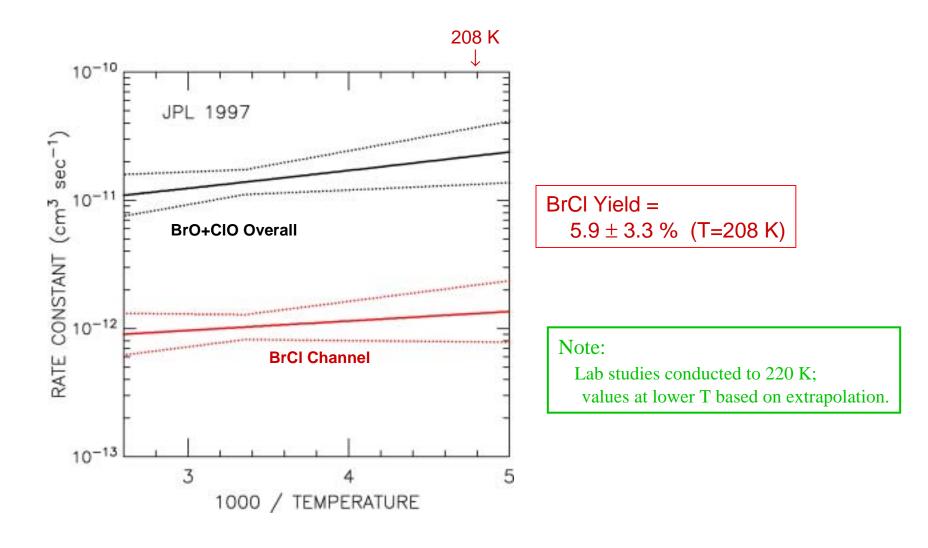
- geographic extent of ClOx activation
- abundance of BrOx in the polar stratosphere

However, quantitative use of these data requires understanding how nighttime OCIO is affected by branching of the BrO+CIO reaction

Ancillary constraints on ClOx and BrOx (e.g., data from MkIV; data from EUPLEX) will be important for initial interpretation of SAGE III OCIO

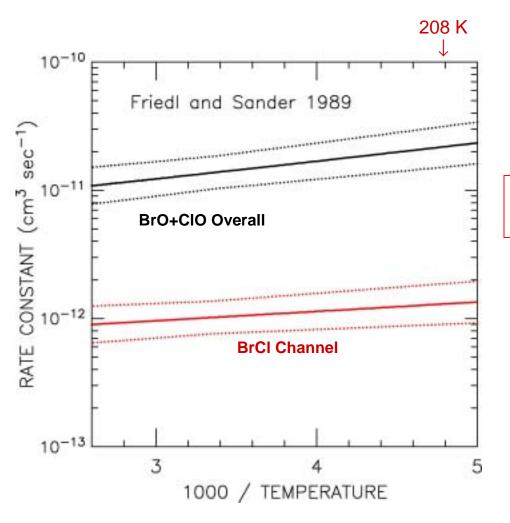
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BrCl Yield at 298 K:

Friedl & Sander 1989 : $7.4 \pm 2 \%$ Poulet et al. 1990 : $12 \pm 5 \%$

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